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Response to 03/24/2008 Communication

In response to the Communication mailed on 03/24/2008, a Corrected Amendment and Response is filed concurrently herewith. However, as explained in more detail below, Applicants respectfully traverse the statement that claims 6 and 24 are directed to a non-elected invention.